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SUBJECT: RAUL QUIJANO TO BE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: BUENOS AIRES 0269

1. RAUL QUIJANO ARRIVES IN BUENOS AIRES TODAY FROM THE UN.
PRESS SPECULATION AND SOME REPORTS FROM SOURCES WITHIN THE
CASA ROSADA INDICATE HE MAY BE APPOINTED FOREIGN MINISTER
TO REPLACE ARAUZ CASTEX. IF SO, THIS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT
APPOINTMENT. QUIJANO IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO SERVED
SEVERAL YEARS AS ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS BEFORE
GOING ON LEAVE TO ACCEPT POSITION WITH THE UN SECRETARIAT.
HE IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
AND WOULD BE A WELCOME CHANGE FROM ARAUZ CASTEX, WHO,
ALTHOUGH INTELLIGENT AND WELL-MEANING, HAD NO EXPERIENCE AT
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ALL IN FOREIGN POLICY AND LITTLE IDEA AS TO HOW TO USE THOSE

MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF WHO DID.

2. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF MEPUQUIJANO WHILE HE WAS ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR AT THE OAS AND WERE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED. US OAS AND USUN, HOWEVER, WILL PROBABLY HAVE BETTER INFORMATION ON HIS STYLE OF DIPLOMACY AND ATTITUDES TOWARD US.

3. JUST AS CABLE READY TO BE TRANSMITTED, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT QUIJANO WAS APPOINTED FOREIGN MINISTER THIS MORNING AND APPARENTLY WILL BE SWORN IN THIS AFTERNOON.
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